

cumstances but not here. If God permits them in certain places they can be talked of at certain times, but not on this occasion. Sin is horrible and only radical measures and martyr's spirit can wipe it out. Talk not to me of heathen shores while such things exist in our own land. It is time to sweep before our own doors, and I hold the church to a great extent responsible for such conditions. Let her clothe herself in the panoply of God and with divine power fight wickedness in high places.

MISSION VS CHURCH WORK

I stated to individuals what I state here, that church work, that is denominational work, can be done with less trouble and with less expense, if the work is done in an ordinary way, that is have meeting on Sunday and once a week, and a meeting now and then, but circumstances altar cases, and in opening up a new work in a great city, noted for its wickedness, ordinary work will not do. Hence we opened here as a mission and did successful mission work, and made some impression on the community and others who follow us will likely reap. For this purpose we had a house and room suitable, the mission room, rented and then rerented until May 1, 1898. That we have had to work hard is no question, but it has been done cheerfully and gladly and with blessed results. Now comes orders to focus on church work, and at 384 Western Ave. we do so, but how can we more than ever. Do you not know that we must be known here, and is there a cheaper way than to do mission work? Do you not know that it is the grandest and most successful way of advertising that can be done, if you want to put the matter simply on a business plain, but there is a higher object in the work.

A LARGER FAITH

No man can question honestly my loyalty to the church, and here in this city I have preached Christ thro her principles as never before. On the vast majority of tracts scattered, thousands and tens of thousands, her name has been, her doctrines have been proclaimed in the pulpit and on the street, and I have never wearied in doing the work, and I cannot do more than has been done. I have defended her from the unsanctified agents of denominations, and protected her interests at the risk of my own life, and the only way I can do church work and less mission work is to close the night meetings and save gas and coal, that is about what it means. Now the church is on the eve of going with the foreign mission work; what for? Have you ever analyzed her motive? What is she going into that field for? To build up a Brethren church? Is that the object? Then how can it be done without doing general mission work, please tell me? And how can you do it in a city like this without that kind of work? As far as personal ease is concerned I would rather preach where the gospel has never been preached than to work here. As a matter of

fact Christ never preached denominationalism.

SAINTLY OPPOSITION

That we have opposition there is no doubt. I have said but little about these things, you folks know nothing of them. I have been waylaid, knocked down, choked, had my jaws slapped, had three law suits on my hands, and probably the fourth, one party who failed to win said he would appeal the case and if he failed there he would lay for me and do me up. These are the things I have had to contend with—some of the things. And most of them have been backed by people claiming to be sanctified. As a matter of fact people who know them know they are a long ways from home base. Owing to these facts I have had to act as I thought best under the circumstances, and hence I took the responsibility of the office given me, that of "pastor in charge," but none of these things trouble me. I have acted on the defensive and done my duty and will keep on doing it and all the devils in the world and in the church can howl if they want to. What I want is money to pay my rent. I am not bothered about these other things, but I want money to pay rent and expenses, especially the rent. About the last suit, I will say nothing now for reasons; later on perhaps. Write me for any thing you want to know, ask questions and I will answer them.

Mrs. Gibbons has been called home on account of her parent's illness and is now in Kansas. Brother Charlie Nidner, one of our young men attending Moody Institute, gives us good help. He wants to attend Ashland College.

I will speak of our work on the North side in next letter. We had some fine meetings. If you don't get some money to us we will come after it, so you better get a move on you. Say! my lantern has about burnt out. I am asking my friends to give me a new one. Are you one of my friends. Selah.

JOHN DUKE MCFADEN.

384 S. Western Ave.

Warsaw, Ind.

Brother B. H. Flora, State Evangelist, held us a two weeks' meeting in the absence of Brother Yoder. Brother Flora is a valiant soldier for Christ and did his work nobly. At the close of the meeting one united and we feel that more were near the kingdom and the church is stronger spiritually. The Lord be praised.

ANNA E. SWITZER.

Bethel Church, Ark.

The Brethren have an organization at this place of twelve members. We have no church house, but hold meeting the first Lord's day of each month in the school house. Give us a call, brethren, and preach for us when you can, and I believe the Lord will bless your work. We need such help very much.

A. E. SHRUM.

Rufus, Arkansas.

Ashland University

The Committee promised a general statement of apportionments paid and apportionments delinquent in this issue. But as they are so near paid up we have concluded to wait a little yet, and again plead with the delinquent few to not hold back the progress of the work but to remit at once that we may report you having paid your apportionments and not as delinquent. The settlement now depends only on these few. Will you be loyal or not?

Yours Fraternally,

JOHN KEIM,
Sec. A. U. F. Com.

Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

Let us not be weary in well doing, for in due time we shall reap if we faint not.

Items of Interest

The busiest time on the Atlantic cable is between the hours of ten and twelve in the forenoon. During that time on an average about 900 messages pass over the cable each way.

The tolling of church bells on the occasion of a burial is based on the old pagan custom of banging gongs when a body was to be interred in order to scare away the bad spirits.

When Queen Victoria ascended the throne more than 41 per cent of the people in British islands could not write their names. The proportion in that condition has now been reduced to 7 per cent.

The number of people who have lived upon this earth since the time of Adam is calculated to be somewhere about 36,627,844,600,000,000.

In 1794 the habitual users of the English language did not number more than 30,000,000; in 1897 their number was estimated at 110,000,000.

London has 3,000 miles of sewers, 34,000 miles of telegraph wires, 3,200 miles of gaspipes, and 4,500 miles of water mains.

Accordions were invented in 1829 by Mr. Damain, of Vienna, and a single German firm now manufactures over 17,000 a year.

Every week 9,000,000 oysters are swallowed by the people of London. Half of the shells are broken up and used for asphalt paving.

The steamship passenger traffic of New York for 1897 shows a decided falling off when compared with that of previous years. In 1896 there were 96,223 cabin passengers landed here, while those landed last year number 90,932. The difference was still greater in the steerage, the number for 1896 being 252,350, while that for 1897 was 192,004—a decrease of 60,346. This is discouraging to the steamship companies, especially when it is remembered that a total of 901 trips were made in 1897, an increase over 1896 of 48. The figures for the last few years, relating to westbound passenger traffic, are: For 1896, 96,223; for 1895, 96,558; for 1894, 92,561; and for 1893, the World's Fair year, 121,824.

Literary Notes

While *The Homiletic Review* for February is full of things peculiarly suited to the needs of the preacher, it ought also to be of the greatest value to intelligent lay readers. Dr. E. Fitch Burr has a striking article on "The Credulity of Skeptics." Dr. J. Monro Gibson of London, treats of "Bible Preaching the Best Apologetic." He presents very clearly the power the Bible has of evidencing its own claim when permitted to do so. The question whether the Press has